

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Mitsuhiro OSHIKI et al.  
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Title: ULTRASONIC PROBE, ULTRASONOGRAPHIC DEVICE, AND  
ULTRASONOGRAPHIC METHOD  
Group: 3737  
Examiner: GRAF, Neil J.  
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**AMENDMENT****Mail Stop: AF**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 6, 2010, the period of response for which extension of time is requested in the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

**Amendments** to the claims begin on page 2;

**Remarks** are included beginning on page 8; and

**Authorization** is included on page 19.